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Attention: Charles L. A. Terreni
Chief Clerk/Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Terreni:

I am filing the following written comments to you in accordance with Docket No. 2005-385-E – Order No. 2006-680 on the consideration of implementing the requirements of Section 1251 (Net Metering and Additional Standards) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

I support the federal government's plan for net metering for the following reasons:

1. Our current reliance on fossil fuels is unsustainable in the long run.
2. 65% of energy used in South Carolina is produced by burning fossil fuels
3. South Carolina ranks 3rd in per capita consumption of electricity and the 4th in per capita consumption of motor fuel.
4. Net metering allows individuals, businesses, and organizations to produce their own renewable energy (eg., solar, wind, & biofuel), to tie into the electric grid, and to sell the excess electricity they produce (up to a point) to the local or regional electric utility.
5. Net metering provides a significant financial incentive to us to change the way we generate electricity and to lower fossil fuel emissions.
6. Net metering has already been successfully implemented in 41 states.
7. Through the use of external disconnect switches, net metering poses no danger to utility company line workers.

For the above-mentioned reasons I strongly encourage the PSC to set net metering as the standard for the public utilities that it regulates.

Sincerely,



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